deficit financing will depened on the re-assessed position of resources on completion of the mid-term appraisal.

High production cost of Dornier Aircraft

2756. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the total cost of production of a Dornier Aircraft in India including the cost of imported components, is going to be nearly double than what it would cost to purchase it on an outright basis from the German manufacturers; and

(b) if so, what decision has been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

CIA operations in India

2757. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during his last visit to U.S.A. the Prime Minister was assured by Mr. Bush, the US Vice-President that there was no C.I.A. operation in India; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) Vice-President Bush told the Prime Minister that there were no instructions given by the US-Government to the CIA to carry out such activities in India.

Import licences issued to M/s. Super Cassettes Pvt. Limited, NOIDA

2758. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of import licences have been issued to M/s. Super Cassettes Private Limited, NOIDA, Ghaziabad during the last three years;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a large number of licences have been issued for the import if electronic items in semi knock-down position; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of Rajya Sabha.

(c) and (d) A close scrutiny is made of the Phased Manufacturing Programme (PMP) to ensure that in-depth manufacture is only allowed Except for a very small quantity required for the purpose of training, Semi-knocked Down (SKD) kits are not normally allowed. Further, the import-export policy has been modified by transferring the entry relating to import of kits/sub-assemblies from Appendix-3A to Appendix-2B i.e. restricted list.

Representations regarding family pension

2759. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the widows of former defence employees who retired from

service prior to 1963, have been representing to Government regarding their family pension after the amendment of the rules;

(b) whether it is a fact that CDA, Pensions, Allahabad has not yet taken any action thereon;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what action is proposed to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. CDA(P) has already notified about 55000 Pension Payment Orders sanctioning family pension to the eligible widows.

(c) Some cases where the genuineness of the claim cannot be established due to inability of the widows to furnish the essential particulars to substantiate their eligibility, remain to be finalised. Such cases are under investigation by Defence Authorities.

(d) Pension Payment Orders will be notified in such cases where the eligibility of the claimant for the family pension benefits under investigation by the Defence Authorities is established.

Use of Patton Tanks by the IPKF in Sri Lanka

2760 SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Peace Keeping Force in Sri Lanka has used Patton Tanks in that country; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the damages caused by the use of such tanks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) No, Sir. The Indian Army does not have Patton Tanks.

(b) Does not arise.

Missing Haj pilgrims

2761. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have succeeded in obtaining information about the missing Indian Haj pilgrims; and

(b) if not, what steps Government are taking to trace the missing Haj-pilgrims?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Our Mission in Saudi Arbia is in constant touch with Saudi authorities to trace the missing pilgrims.

Contingency Plans for launching of INSAT-1C

2762. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2172 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 13th August, 1987 and state what are the contingency plans formulated by Government in case of delay in the launching of INSAT-1C?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): Since the Unstarred Question 2172 was answered on 13th August 1987, the position has brightened considerably. Ariane launches have resumed and two flights (V19 and V20) have already taken place. INSAT-1C is manifested on Flight V26, which continues to be scheduled for June, 1988. However, there could be a marginal slippage in